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STANSFIELD TURNER -- NOMINEE FOR CIA DIRECTOR
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STANSFIELD TURNER, PRESIDENT CARTER'S SECOND CHOICE FOR DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE, IS A CAREER NAVAL OFFICER WITH A REPUTATION AS AN INNOVATOR WHO HAS HAD NO INTELLIGENCE EXPERIENCE BUT IS SCHOoled IN THE BUREAUCRATIC INFIGHTING AT UPPER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT.

NOW A FULL ADMIRAL WHO COMMANDS ALL NATO FORCES IN SOUTHERN EUROPE, TURNER, 53, HAS BEEN NOMINATED TO THE POST FROM WHICH THEODORE SORENSEN WITHDREW UNDER CONGRESSIONAL FIRE.

IN ADDITION TO BEING HEAD OF THE CIA, GERALD FORD'S REORGANIZATION OF THE INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM UNDERLINED THE JOB'S ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AS TOPMOST AUTHORITY AND COORDINATOR OF ALL OF THE NATION'S INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS.

OBSERVERS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY SEE THAT AUTHORITY AS ONLY PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED SO FAR AND BELIEVE IT WILL REQUIRE A TOUGH AND SKILLFUL ADMINISTRATOR TO MAKE IT STICK AMONG OFTEN INDEPENDENT-MINDED INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES.

CARTER AND TURNER FIRST MET AS MEMBERS OF THE SAME CLASS AT ANNAPOULIS. TURNER FINISHED FIRST IN THE CLASS AND WENT ON TO BE A RHODES SCHOLAR. CARTER FINISHED 59TH AND JOINED THE NAVY'S NEW NUCLEAR PROGRAM.

TURNER'S FIRST EXPERIENCE IN WASHINGTON WAS AS A SYSTEMS ANALYST AT THE PENTAGON IN THE KENNEDY AND JOHNSON ADMINISTRATIONS, WHERE PART OF HIS JOB WAS JUSTIFYING NAVY PROGRAMS TO AN EFFICIENCY-MINDED DEFENSE SECRETARY, ROBERT McNAMARA.

AFTER A TOUR AS COMMANDER OF A LARGE GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYER, TURNER RETURNED TO THE PENTAGON AS A CAPTAIN IN 1968 TO BE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE NAVY SECRETARY.

HE THEN WAS PROMOTED TO REAR ADMIRAL AND HELD A POST THAT INVOLVED QUESTIONING PROPOSED NAVY PROGRAMS UNDER ADM. ELMO ZumWALT, WHO AS CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS OFTEN CROSSED SWORDS WITH MORE TRADITION-MINDED MEMBERS OF THE NAVY BRASS.

DURING A PERIOD AS HEAD OF THE NAVY WAR COLLEGE, TURNER STARTED SEMINARS AND DISCUSSIONS TO BRING MIDDLE-RANKING NAVAL OFFICERS ON THEIR WAY UP INTO CONTACT WITH FIGURES FROM OUTSIDE THE MILITARY WORLD WITH WHOM THEY WOULD NORMALLY NOT HAVE MUCH CONTACT.

AMONG THOSE WHO TOOK PART WAS JIMMY CARTER, THEN GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA.

TURNER IS AN ARTICULATE INTELLECTUAL.

HE BELIEVES IN GETTING PEOPLE TOGETHER -- INCLUDING REPORTERS -- AND EXPLAINING WHAT A MISSION IS ALL ABOUT. IT IS ANTICIPATED HE WILL HAVE GOOD RAPPORT WITH CONGRESS, MANY OF WHOSE MEMBERS HE HAS ALREADY MET AND IMPRESSED IN FORMER ROLES.

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